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SUBJ: OFFICIAL TRAVEL OF CONGEN OFFICERS

REF: HONG KONG 8907

1. WE WELCOME HONG KONG'S SUGGESTION THAT CONGEN OFFICERS WORKING ON PRC AFFAIRS BE SCHEDULED FOR OFFICIAL CONSULTATION IN PEKING. DESPITE OUR DISAPPOINTMENT RE DEAN FAMILY VISIT, WE ARE LEERY OF APPLYING ON BEHALF OF DEAN SO SOON AFTER APPARENTLY UNSUCCESSFUL TOURIST VISA APPLICATION. THIS WILL LOOK TO CHINESE AS IF WE USING CONSULTATIONS AS COVER FOR TOURISM, AND MAY COMPLICATE USE OF CONSULTATIONS FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW.

2. WE SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT WE START WITH TAYLOR, AND SEND NOTE TO MFA ASKING THAT HE BE ISSUED VISA TO COME TO PEKING (WITH WIFE ACCOMPANYING) ON CONSULTATIONS WEEK OF OCTOBER 15. PREFER TO SCHEDULE VISIT WELL AFTER OCTOBER 1 TO AVOID NATIONAL DAY TRAVEL SQUEEZE.

3. WE HOPE DEANS MIGHT COME PERHAPS LATE NOVEMBER, AND OTHERS AT FIVE OR SIX WEEK INTERVALS THEREAFTER.
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